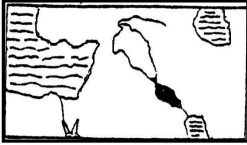


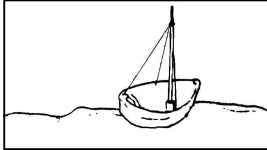
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates River
- Mesopotamia = “Valley between rivers” Greek Language
- Weather much the same as today hot summer forty degrees Celsius and cold winter below zero degrees Cel-

2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources (timber, stone, and mineral)
- Fertile land for crops
- Half of the produce was given to wealthy and leftovers,

3. Religion and Philosophy



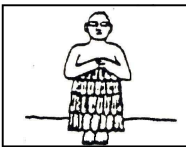
- Worshiped 300 deities
- Believed each city-state was founded by a deity
- Built pyramid like temples called ziggurats to worship deities

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Girls didn't go to school, only sons of wealthy families
- Students studied arithmetic, reading, writing and religious studies
- Priests knowledgeable about medicine, engineering, sci-

5. Political Science



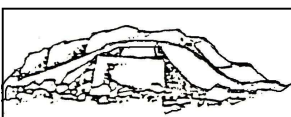
- Settled into city-states/ own rules and government
- Uruk most powerful city-state
- Strong city-states conquered and controlled weaker governments

6. Sociology



- Men could pay off debt by selling or hiring wife, children, or slaves
- Anyone could be a slave due to bad luck, debt, being captured in war
- Parents gave dowry (money/goods) to daughters used as

7. History



- Referred to as “cradle of civilization”
- First known civilization found here
- Country followed a pattern of settlement and conquest
- 1st leaders were priests
- When ruler dies, replaced with a relative